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# Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 5, 1999

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 5-20, and 22-25 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 5-20, and 22-25 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☒ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 13

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Claims 1,3,5-20 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the Baldwin reference.

With respect to claims 1, 22 and 25, the Baldwin reference teaches a procedure for automatic cylinder cleaning having substantially the steps as recited. Note, for example in the top Figure of the second page and page 9 of the Baldwin reference, the steps or sequence of cleaning is controlled by a central control system. An operator can select which rollers should be cleaned corresponding the degree of soiling and the program, dependent upon the operating parameters such as paper type, the printing sequence of colored inks, ink density, detergent and water, select an optimal wash sequence of each or all printing cylinders (see page 9 of the Baldwin reference). With respect to claims 5-19 and 23, the selection of a desired parameters such as speed, time, ink type or material to be printed involves only an obvious matter of choice

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based upon obvious experimentation and is obvious in view of the Baldwin reference. With respect to claim 20, there is no unobviousness in the step of manually checking and correcting the wash sequences since this step can obviously be done by the operator during the cleaning procedure. Further, it is noted that the broad use parameters with a CPU or a central control system for fully automatic operation as compared to operation with some manual input is obvious in view of the fact that "automatic control" has been applied to a wide variety of machines and the broad provision of such control is obvious.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-2869. The examiner can normally be reached daily from 9 AM to 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edgar Burr, can be reached on (703) 308-0979. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-5841.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone numbers are (703) 308-0956 and 305-4900.

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